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Æschylus. Prometheus bound; [with] introd. and notes by A. O. Prickard. N. Y., Macmillan, 1878. 20 + 89 p. 16°. (Clarendon press ser.) cl., *\$75 c.

Adams, W. H. D., and Giacomeli, H. The bird world, described with pen and pencil. N. Y., Nelson & Sons, 1878. il. 8°. cl., *\$5.

Almanac. The national temperance almanac, and teetotaler's year book, 1879, by J. N. Stearns. N. Y., Nat. Temp. Soc., 1878. 64 p. S. pap., 10 c.

Containing, in addition to the calendar and astronomical calculations, statistics of intemperance, lists of grand bodies, national and state soc., with P. O. address of chief officers, full dir. of all temperance organizations of N. Y. city and Brooklyn, etc.

Almanac. The Irish-American almanac, 1879, calculated for use throughout all parts of the U. S. N. Y., Lynch, Cole & Meehan, 1878. 123 p. D. pap., 25 c.

Almanac. Illustrated Catholic family annual for 1879; with calendars calculated for different parallels of latitude, and adapted for use throughout the U. S. N. Y., Catholic Pub. Soc., 1878. 114 p. S. pap., 25 c.

Alpine adventure; or, narratives of travel and research among the Alps. N. Y., Nelson & Sons. il. 8°. *\$1.50.

Bacon, T. Scott. The reign of God not "the reign of law;" a new way (and yet very old) to decide the debate between "science" and religious faith. Balt., Turnbull Bros., 1878. 10 + 400 p. S. cl., \$1.50.

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Ballard, Mrs. J. P. Caught and feitered. N. Y., Nat. Temp. Soc., 1879. 267 p. il. S. cl., \$1.

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Barlow, Alfred. History and principles of weaving by hand and power. Phil., H. C. Baird & Co., 1878. 12 + 443 p. 8°. cl., \$10.

Barrows, Mrs. W. Little pilgrim question book on the International lessons for 1879, for younger scholars. Bost., Cong. Pub. Soc., 1878. 121 p. maps. S. bds., 15 c.

Bayley, T. Pocket-book for chemists, metallurgists, dyers, brewers, sugar refiners, photographers, etc. N. Y., Spon, 420 p. 32°. *\$2.

Besant, Walter, and Rice, Ja. The monks of Thelema. Detroit and Chic., Rose-Belford Pub. Co. 426 p. S. cl., \$1.50; pap., 50 c.

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Catholic family annual, *see* Almanac.

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National temperance almanac, *see* Almanac.

O'Flanagan, J. Roderick. The Irish bar; anecdotes, bon-mots and biog. sketches of the bench and bar of Ireland. 59 p. Q. (Franklin sq. lib., no. 32.) pap., 15 c.

Old and new London: narrative of its history, people and places. V. 6: The southern suburbs, by E. Walford. N. Y., Cassell, Petter & Galpin, 1878. 12 + 636 p. il. Q. cl., *\$4.50.

Phelps, Austin. Studies on the Old Testament. Bost., Cong. Pub. Soc., 1879. 333 p. D. cl., \$1.25.

24 studies on, The prophet of the broken heart; God works with minorities who are working for him; a model of prayer in emergencies; avowed enemies of religion; the lost Bible; a talk with young people about Josiah; good men who are not churchmen; fruitless convictions of sin, etc.

Rawlinson, W. G. Turner's liber studiorum: a description and catalogue. N. Y., Macmillan, 1878. 16 + 206 p. 8°. bds., *\$4.50.

Richardson, B. Ward. Total abstinence: addresses. N. Y., Macmillan, 1878. 119 p. 16°. pap., *50 c.

Rimmer, Alfred. Pleasant spots around Oxford. N. Y., Cassell, Petter & Galpin, 1878. 8 + 292 p. il. 8°. cl., \$6; tky. mor., \$12.

Roe, E. P. A face illuminated. N. Y., Dodd, Mead & Co., 1878. 658 p. D. cl., \$1.50.

Character novel, illustrating the influence of religion and elevating associations upon an apparently frivolous and shallow-hearted young girl. Story takes place at a hotel on the Hudson; characters—artists, a New England school-teacher, society people, etc. Two love stories are evolved.

Roscher, W. Principles of political economy; from 13th Germ. ed., with add. chapters on paper money, international trade, and protec-

tive system; and prelim. essay on the hist. method of political economy, from the French by L. Wolowski; tr. by J. J. Lalor. 2 v. N. Y., Holt, 1878. 23 + 464 p.; 6 + 465 p. O. cl., \$7.50.

A hand-book and also a history of the literature of political economy; first issued in 1854. Wolowski's essay contains sketch of life of author, now Professor of Political Economy in Leipzig University. In five books, entitled: Production of goods, Circulation of—; Distribution of—; Consumption of—; Population. Appendices for the American edition give the author's views on paper money, "a two-edged sword" to be used only with caution; and on international trade and the industrial protective system, which latter he objects to for America, but not for countries under other specified conditions. Index to names of authors cited.

Sandeau, Julcs. Madeleine: a love story. Phil., T. B. Peterson & Bros., 1878. 17-220 p. sq. S. cl., \$1; pap., 50 c.

One of Sandeau's earliest novels; crowned by the French Academy; exceptionally pure in plot and sentiment. Madeleine, a young girl of most noble character, saves her cousin Maurice, through her love, from a life of reckless dissipation. Characters and scene, French.

Schiller, F. v. Egmont's Leben u. Tod [also] Die Belagerung v. Antwerpen; ed., with Eng. notes, etc., by C. A. Buchheim. (Germ. classics.) N. Y., Macmillan, 1878. 20 + 140 p. 16°. (Clarendon press ser.) cl., *\$1.

Shaw, Flora L. Castle Blair: a story of youthful days. Bost., Roberts Bros., 1878. 308 p. S. cl., \$1.

Characterized by Ruskin as "a lovely little book." Five little children sent from India to recuperate at their uncle's home, Castle Blair, Ireland, run wild about the country and have no end of adventures, serious and amusing. Local in coloring, full of bright sketches of people and scenery, and pointing a fine moral.

Social etiquette of New York. N. Y., Appleton, 1879. 187 p. S. cl., \$1.

A manual giving briefly, information regarding existing forms and customs in New York society; in contradistinction to many manuals on the subject simply reproducing the codes of Paris and London.

Sprague, J. T. Electric lighting: its state, progress and probable influence on gas interests. N. Y., Spon. 22 p. 8°. pap., *40 c.

Stanley, W. Ford. Treatise on mathematical drawing instruments: their construction, uses, qualities and suggestions for improvements, with hints upon drawing and coloring. 5th ed. N. Y., Spon. 308 p. il. cr. 8°. \$2.

Stevenson, D. Life of Robert Stevenson, civil engineer. N. Y., Spon. 283 p. 12 pl. 4°. cl., \$8.

Stwin, Adam. Eyes right: a bachelor's talks with his boys. Bost., D. Lothrop & Co., 1878. 304 p. il. sq. O. bds., \$1.25.

Talmage, T. De Witt. The night sides of city life. Chic., J. Fairbanks & Co.; N. Y., F. O. Evans & Co.; Bost., Eben Shute; San Francisco, J. B. Hill, 1878. 161. p. D. pap., 50 c.

Revised and authorized edition; sermons on the temptations and vices of city life—Personal explorations in the haunts of vice—Lepers in high life—The gates of hell—Traps for men—People to be feared, etc. With biographical sketch.

Todd, J. E., and Riddle, Mat. B. National question-book and hand-book on the S. S. lessons for 1879. 1: For old scholars; with maps. Bost. Cong. Pub. Soc., 1878. 199 p. bds., 15 c.

Todd, J. E., and Riddle, Mat. B. Notes on the International S. S. lessons, 1879. Pt. 1, Old Test.; pt. 2, New Test. Bost. Cong. Pub. Soc., 1878. 224 p. O. cl., \$1.25.

Towle, G. M. Pizarro: his adventures and conquests. Bost., Lee & Shepard, 1879. 8 + 327 p. il. S. (Young folks' heroes of hist.) cl., \$1.

Entertaining and instructive; the story of Pizarro's early life, conquest of Peru, etc.; rich in anecdotes and graphic details, making it a specially attractive work for the young.

Walford, E. see Old and new London.

Webster, Augusta. A housewife's opinion. N. Y., Macmillan, 1878. 10 + 287 p. 12°. cl., *\$2.

Wells, E. M. P., Life and character of, see Francis S: W.

Westcott, Blanche. Jean; or, clouds with a silver lining: a story. Phil., Lippincott, 1879. 255 p. D. cl., \$1.25.

The trials of a refined young American girl, who, losing parents and money, is obliged to live with uneducated relatives in Bridgeport, Conn.; a love story brightens the account of her conflicts with her uncongenial duties.

White, G. C. School series of industrial drawing: free hand, prep. by H. P. Smith. 6 nos. N. Y., Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., 1878. Obl. 8°. pap. nos. 1-3, ea., 12 c.; nos. 4-6, ea., 15 c.

Wilson, Ja. Victor. How to magnetize; or, magnetism and clairvoyance: a practical treatise on the choice, management, and capabilities of subjects, with instructions on the mode of procedure. New and rev. ed. N. Y., S. R. Wells & Co., 1878. 104 p. T. pap., 25 c.

Xenophon. Anabasis, 2d book; ed. with notes. N. Y., Macmillan, 1878. 16 + 69 p. maps. 16°. (Clarendon press ser.) cl., *75 c.

Yonge, Charlotte M. The story of the Christians and Moors of Spain. N. Y., Harper, 1878. 41 p. Q. (Franklin sq. lib., no. 30.) pap., 10 c. General view of Spanish and Moorish history, with its traditions, romance and poetry; popularly written and for general readers.

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D. VAN NOSTRAND & CO. :—The Bridges of North America. Being a Comparison of the American and European Systems. From the French of L. A. Camolli, C.E., by S. R. Shreve, C.E. With notes by the translator.

The Publishers' Weekly.

DECEMBER 21, 1878.

PUBLISHERS are requested to furnish title-page proofs and advance information of books forthcoming, both for entry in the lists and for descriptive mention. An early copy of each book published should be forwarded, to insure correctness in the final entry.

The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries." Notes from librarians will also be gratefully received.

In case of business changes, notification or card should be immediately sent to this office for entry under "Business Notes." New catalogues issued will also be mentioned when forwarded.

"Every man is a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help thereunto."—LORD BACON.

THE POSTAL BILL BEFORE CONGRESS.

THE House Postal Committee has, this week, reported the postal bill to Congress, with a recommendation for favorable action, and now the matter comes up in the full House. The bill as reported is chiefly the Executive Committee's bill, but with some modifications. It is not probable that any but important changes will hereafter be made, and indeed most of the detail modifications are so evidently in the direction of simplicity, justice, and the public convenience that they are generally satisfactory to all concerned.

We printed last week the Philadelphia emendations of the Executive Committee's draft, and we give this week Mr. Sinclair Tousey's report to the Chamber of Commerce, as its delegate to the Postal Conference, which is chiefly a protest against the general principle of registration and the discrimination based thereon. Mr. Tousey led, and led ably, the minority at the Conference; it was not quite the thing that the predetermined views of the majority caused his remarks to be practically slighted. By adopting the resolution he offered, the Chamber of Commerce indorses his views, but this means comparatively little, since the body doubtless trusts itself to the counsel of its representative without further investigation of the subject.

This question of registration is the chief point in the bill, and that most likely to be debated. In the application of this principle,—the test of subscribership being set aside,—the Philadelphia position seems to us the only just one. It is much to be regretted that the Philadelphia committee, whose leading members were made members of the general Executive Committee, pursued the separatist course

of meeting by themselves instead of pressing their views at the latter's meeting. The one just attack against the registration scheme must be from those who oppose altogether government discrimination in postal matters, who would give up the present basic idea of fostering education and the diffusion of public information and have each division of postal work made self-supporting. This view is consistent. If the government, to the contrary, is to discriminate, it must have some test, and the Executive Committee, in virtually sweeping away any practical means of testing, surrendered the principle of the bill. Under the bill as introduced into the House, the widest latitude is again permitted, and the old difficulties return. We point out particularly that by the admission of the cheap reprints of books as periodicals another great class is also included, the subscription books issued—or delivered—periodically in parts. To make this discrimination in their favor is simply an outrage.

The postal *gamut*, we may say, runs: books bound in cloth or paper; books issued as periodicals; periodicals proper; advertising sheets periodically issued; the occasional advertising circular or other private printed matter. These classes shade off one into the other; but if the government is to discriminate at all, as it must by the present system of bulk rates, a practical line must be drawn somewhere. Books in general are educative, to be sure, but if books in general are not to be admitted to the lower rates, certain lines should not be included while essentially the same article is excluded. And since few will squarely agree that mere private advertising circulars should be carried at less than cost, the line must be drawn at periodicals proper.

The tariff question, we believe, is not brought into this bill. In the registration of foreign periodicals, the Philadelphia committee is right; there should be no *exception* in their favor. The bill includes their emendation. On the other hand, we would again point out that the copyright clause, proper of course in itself, may be strictly construed so as to do great harm to American authors. We have no fear that because *Macmillan's* is printing Mrs. Burnett's "Haworth's," it can at all affect *Scribner's* in this country, or that the *Cornhill* can injure or in any way affect *Harper's*. Our American magazines can hold their own. But to discriminate against these magazines, when they pay American authors for serials, is to cut off the latter from a market, and so discriminate against them. Perhaps this is another difficulty that can be solved only by international copyright.

WE call special attention to the correction in "Business Notes" of a statement in our last issue of the suspension of I. A. Hopkins & Sons, Franklin Publishing House, Washington, D. C. That statement was made on the strength of a letter from them, which we find, on looking it up, was entirely misunderstood by the assistant having this special department in charge, and we can only beg that the trade will take notice accordingly. The letter referred to the depression of business in Washington caused in a measure by the suspension of the bank named, as a reason for withdrawing certain orders, and meant no more. An apology is no satisfaction at all for so outrageous a blunder, but we atone for it to the best of our ability, and take precautions against a repetition of the like.

WE take pleasure in calling attention to a neat priced catalogue of English books, extending to over a hundred pages in small 12mo, issued by Barnicott & Son, 44 Fore Street, Taunton, England, and furnished to booksellers in imprint editions at 16s. 6d. per 100, imprint title and preface included, for 500 and upwards, or 17s. 6d. per 100, without imprint, for less quantities. The entries are arranged under large general classes; while considerable improvement in entry and classification is quite possible, the little book as it is serves a good purpose, and we commend it to the attention of American dealers in English books. A full list of Bohn's libraries is appended. Our own plan for a catalogue of American standards, though somewhat different, is intended to meet a similar need; it will probably be a neat inclosure list, postal-card size, extending to about 500 works, and the trade may be asked to take part in its compilation, early in the new year, by answering a new prize question.

MR. TOUSEY'S POSTAL CONVENTION REPORT.

NEW YORK, October, 1878.

To the Chamber of Commerce:

The undersigned, the only one of your delegates able to attend the Postal Convention recently held in this city, respectfully begs leave to submit the following

REPORT.

The Convention met in the postmaster's room on the 9th of October. The attendance was not so large as the importance of the subjects considered seemed to demand, nor was there sufficient time for thorough discussion of several highly interesting matters. At the end of the second day's sitting the Convention adjourned, after voting a general indorsement of certain changes of the postal law, as contained in a bill prepared and submitted by representatives of the Post-Office Department, adopting resolutions in favor of an increase of the letter carrier

system of the fast-mail service, and of liberal appropriation for the Post-Office Department.

Your delegate did not see any special reason for objecting to either of these three propositions, but in regard to those features of the bill above referred to, establishing a system of registration (with fee) for printed, serial publications, giving the Postmaster-General and a deputy to be created for that purpose authority to decide which of such publications shall be subject to higher or lower rates of postage, your delegate saw sufficient reasons for withholding his approval, but failed to convince the Convention of the propriety of his objections. The objections raised by your delegate were based on what seemed to him an unjust and arbitrary rule of discrimination in regard to postage on printed, serial publications, of which second-class mail matter is composed. Under the rulings of the Department, publishers of some serials have been obliged to pay higher rates of postage for mail transportation than were demanded of others. It is admitted that these rulings have been without law, and, it is said, without justice; that they have given rise to very great dissatisfaction is well known. Your delegate objected to making lawful in the future any system of official discrimination that had been productive of so much dissatisfaction and injustice in the past, and advocated a uniform rate of postage on all printed, serial publications that were permitted to go by mail at all—a system that would work no injury to any one, render unnecessary any additional power for the Postmaster-General, require no system of registration, and immediately stop the constant recurrence of such disputes between the Department and publishers as have given rise to so much vexation heretofore. Your delegate is so firmly convinced of the wisdom of this plan that he asks the chamber to adopt the following resolutions, viz. :

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York is in favor of a uniform rate of postage on all printed serials permitted transportation by mail.

Resolved, That copies of the above resolution, properly attested, be forwarded to the Postmaster-General and to the members of the Post-Office Committee of both branches of Congress, when that body shall convene.

Respectfully submitted,
SINCLAIR TOUSEY, Delegate.

COMMUNICATIONS.

UNDERSELLING: THE HARRISBURG PROTEST.

HARRISBURG, PA., Dec. 11, 1878.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

The memorial of the Harrisburg booksellers addressed to publishers on the subject of underselling, which, you say, "puts the matter very mildly," is designed as a bark preceding a bite, or it might have been made "louder" in style. It does very mildly express the feeling of indignation prevalent and growing among Pennsylvania booksellers generally, on account of publishers selling to parties entirely outside of the trade at rates less than those given their regular customers, and to individual buyers at figures far below what they hold their wholesale customers in honor (!) bound to sell at. Retailers have had forced upon them two conclusions: (1) That certain publishers have resolved to act independently of the retail trade; (2)

That the only remedy that can be employed by the latter is to act independently of such publishers.

—A few years ago a leading Boston publisher began the practice of underselling, and I at once discarded his publications, as did a number of others, and this process went on gradually among retailers of his books, who preferred that he should cut his own throat rather than their throats, and that publisher is now a "commercial suicide," with his throat cut from ear to ear. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Should those who have been doing likewise persist in imitating the dog in the fable, who let go the substance to grasp at the shadow, and so lost both, we retailers can afford to let them do it, especially if the publishers who have more consideration for their customers than for outsiders will adhere to fair principle, for it will not be long until there will be a notable illustration among book publishers of "the survival of the fittest." Publishers who propose to deal squarely with the retail trade will confer a favor on the booksellers of this State and materially benefit themselves by announcing the fact. The time has gone by for wasting words on this subject. Let us to business.

Yours, etc.,
W. MASLIN FRYSINGER.

JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

THE *Literary Churchman*, to be issued quarterly, or oftener if found desirable, by Thomas Whittaker, will be devoted mainly to the literature of the Episcopal Church. The first number is a handsome quarto of 16 pages neatly printed on good paper and filled with timely articles and notes on men and books related to the church. Rev. B. F. De Costa, a well-known historical writer, will edit it.

THE *American Quarterly Microscopical Journal*, of which the first number was published in October by Hitchcock & Wall, 150 Nassau Street, this city, is to be devoted to the interests of microscopical study in all branches of science. It will be edited by Romyn Hitchcock, and will also contain the transactions of the New York Microscopical Society. The first number is handsomely printed and liberally illustrated with plates.

IT is generally known to the medical profession and those interested in bibliography that Dr. John S. Billings, U.S.A., Librarian of the National Medical Library at Washington, is now ready to print his great "National Catalogue of Medical Literature," as soon as Congress grants an appropriation for the purpose. This indexes under subjects, and by authors—books, pamphlets, and original papers in nearly all the medical periodicals of the world; including over 400,000 subject-entries, and making ten volumes royal 8vo of 1000 pages each. This will be of the greatest value to physicians the world over, as it enables them to find analogues for peculiar and difficult cases and thus often to save lives. In continuation of this work, it is now proposed to publish monthly, under the editorship of Dr. Billings and of his assistant, Dr. Robert Fletcher, M.R.C.S., a current medical bibliography under the title of the *Index Medicus*. It will be issued by F. Leypoldt at \$3 per year, and will enter all med-

ical books and index the leading medical journals and transactions in English and other languages. A full list of the latter, numbering over 600, will form a part of the specimen number of the *Index*, to be issued in January. This is another enterprise of this "age of indexing," in line with much valuable work so necessary in the present massing of literature now in progress, first among which is the new issue of Poole's *Index to Periodical Literature*. A somewhat similar technological index is announced for periodical issue by a publisher in Manchester, England, and the secretary of the American Philological Association has sent out a prospectus for a volume index to philological papers.

BUSINESS NOTES.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.—Owen & Moore, druggists, booksellers, and stationers, have about completed their new store, which is said to be one of the finest of its kind in the State.

LEROY, ILL.—Crumbaugh & Son, dealers in books and stationery, have sold out.

LEWISTON, ME.—B. Chandler, bookseller and stationer, has moved into his new store (a few doors below his old stand on Lisbon Street), which has been fitted up in the finest style expressly for his growing business. Mr. C. claims that he keeps the best assortment of books, stationery, room-paper, and fancy goods in the State outside of Portland, and his many friends will be pleased to learn of his continued prosperity.

LEXINGTON, MO.—Mr. Bonnell will continue the book and stationery business of Bonnell & Lee, who have dissolved partnership.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—The stock of books, stationery, etc., of James S. Hatcher & Co. has been sold to Clapp & Taylor.

SAN DIEGO, CAL.—The firm of Schneider & Kueppers, booksellers, etc., having dissolved partnership, the business will be continued by Arnold Schneider, who will open with an entirely new stock of select books, stationery, fancy goods, musical instruments, toys, etc., at the Phoenix News Depot, Fifth Street, near F.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The report in our last issue regarding the suspension of I. A. Hopkins & Sons, Franklin Publishing House, proves to be false. They write us: "We have never suspended and do not contemplate suspending; have never compromised for less than 100 cents on the dollar, nor do we propose doing so."

CAUTION.

ON THE 8th inst. the store of R. D. Patterson & Co., 316 and 318 North Third Street, St. Louis, was broken into, and several hundred dollars' worth of goods were stolen. The articles taken, in addition to a few Rodgers' fine pocket-knives, consisted of a full line of Holland's gold pens, holders, pencils, tooth and ear picks, gold-mounted rubber, celluloid, pearl and ivory goods. The members of the trade are cautioned against buying articles of this character that may be offered by irresponsible parties, and are requested to notify them promptly of any information they may obtain which will lead to the recovery of the goods and the conviction of the thieves.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

M. A. REAY & Co. have assumed the agency for the Crown Leghorn linen papers, which they will furnish in all weights and sizes.

G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS report that the Goodale children's "Apple Blossoms" is a remarkable success, being already in a fourth edition. Orders for several hundred came in in one day last week.

MR. FREDERIC VORS, of Tiffany & Co., has written a book of 150 pages, on "Bibelots and Curios," which he will publish early in the year. A glossary of French and English terms will be added.

MACMILLAN & Co. have in preparation a translation of Dr. Moritz Busch's work on "Bismarck and the Men about him during the War with France," the publication of which has created no small sensation in Germany and elsewhere on the Continent.

MR. J. C. McCOAN has prepared a volume on "Our New Protectorate; or, Asiatic Turkey, its Geography, Population, Resources, and Government." It will be rather larger than Mr. McCoan's work on "Egypt as it is," and will aim at giving similar information in a more popular and less statistical form.

HOLMES' "School-Boy" is in danger from its title of being supposed a book for boys, whereas everybody who has read the poem or seen the book knows that Dr. Holmes has written nothing manlier or any way better than this. The Genius of Christmas, however, understands how desirable a holiday book "The School-Boy" is.

TURNBULL BROTHERS, Baltimore, have printed from duplicate plates the reading pages of the Christmas Number of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY on large paper, wrapping it with a handsome cover, lithographed in colors and advertising their holiday publication, "A Christmas Ring." It is a very tasteful pamphlet, well printed, and we take pleasure in seeing ourselves as others put us, in this handsome framing.

MR. IRVING BROWNE'S comment on the recent sale of his library in New York City should interest book-buyers. To a reporter of the *Troy Times* he said the books were "bringing nearly, if not quite, all they cost me." He instanced certain works which brought more than he paid for them, but others that went for considerably less. "I think," he adds, "the sale will demonstrate that such a library as mine is as good an investment as some other things generally supposed to be better."

PROF. J. NORMAN LOCKYER, assisted by his wife, has undertaken, as a successor to his English edition of Amédée Guillemin's "Forces of Nature," the same author's new work on "The Application of Physical Forces." It will appear in eighteen monthly parts, and will contain four colored plates and nearly five hundred engravings. Mrs. Lockyer translates it, and her husband edits it with introduction, additions, and notes. Macmillan & Co. will be the publishers.

MRS. BURNETT, author of "That Lass o' Lowrie's," says that she began to write when she was seven years old, and has been at it ever since. She has recently received a letter from Charles Reade, "in which he says that he was ignorant of the fact that I had not obtained

copyright in England, and expresses a good deal of indignation in regard to it. He seemed disposed to do the fair thing, and has withdrawn his play from the American stage." Mr. Reade's ignorance, for a man who expects other people to know so much, is certainly extraordinary.

"THE narrative of the new 'Wanderings of Ulysses,' to which," says the *Athenaeum*, "citizens of the United States look forward, will be less comprehensive than was expected, as General Grant has given up his plan of travelling round the world and returning home by way of San Francisco. Mr. J. Russell Young, who has generally accompanied him, will be intrusted with the arrangement of any particulars which General Grant may desire to publish, and Mr. Young's own contributions to the *New York Herald* will supply material for a volume."

"OUR readers," says *Harper's Weekly* pleasantly, "will remember that the extensive publishing establishment of Messrs. Thomas Nelson & Sons in Edinburgh was destroyed by fire last April. In one hour that which had taken forty years to build up and organize was swept away. But though seriously crippled by the disaster, the Messrs. Nelson applied themselves with rare courage to the reorganization of their business, and with such success that, as their friends in America will be glad to learn, they expect to have 600 hands at work under their roof by the end of February. Mr. Thomas Nelson, the head of the firm, has worked with tireless energy to effect this result, and has not been away a single day since the fire occurred. We beg leave to congratulate our friends on their recovery from disaster, achieved by qualities which give a new and forcible illustration of the maxim of the grand old pagan moralist: 'Calamitas virtutis occasio est.'"

A NEW work by Mr. Froude, "Julius Cæsar, a Sketch," is in press by Longmans & Co.

MESSRS. HACHETTE are preparing a new and complete French and English Dictionary, based upon M. Littré's "Grand Dictionnaire."

CHAPMAN & HALL will publish Mr. John Mortimer Murphy's forthcoming work, "Rambles in North-western America, from the Pacific Ocean to the Rocky Mountains."

GUSTAVE DORÉ'S illustrations for Ariosto's "Orlando Furioso" will shortly be issued by Hachette & Co., Paris. On the 550 illustrations he has been at work for eight years.

THE *Epochs of English History* series is to have an introductory volume, "The Shilling History of England," by the Rev. Mandell Creighton, M.A. The series will also be issued by the English publishers in one complete volume.

THE new Spanish copyright act protects among other things telegraphic dispatches, newspaper articles, Parliamentary and other speeches, legal documents, dramatic and musical productions and anonymous and posthumous works and literary collections.

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THE entire ms. of T. P. O'Connor's new Biography of Lord Beaconsfield is now in the hands of the printer. It will consist of a single volume of about 600 pages, and will bring down the history of the Premier to his entry into London after the conclusion of the Treaty of Berlin.

THE fifth portion of Gustav Freytag's great romance "Die Ahnen" is promised for early publication in Germany. The new instalment will be called "Die Geschwister," and will consist of two stories entitled "Der Rittmeister von Alt Rosen" and "Der Frei-Korporal bei Markgraf Albrecht."

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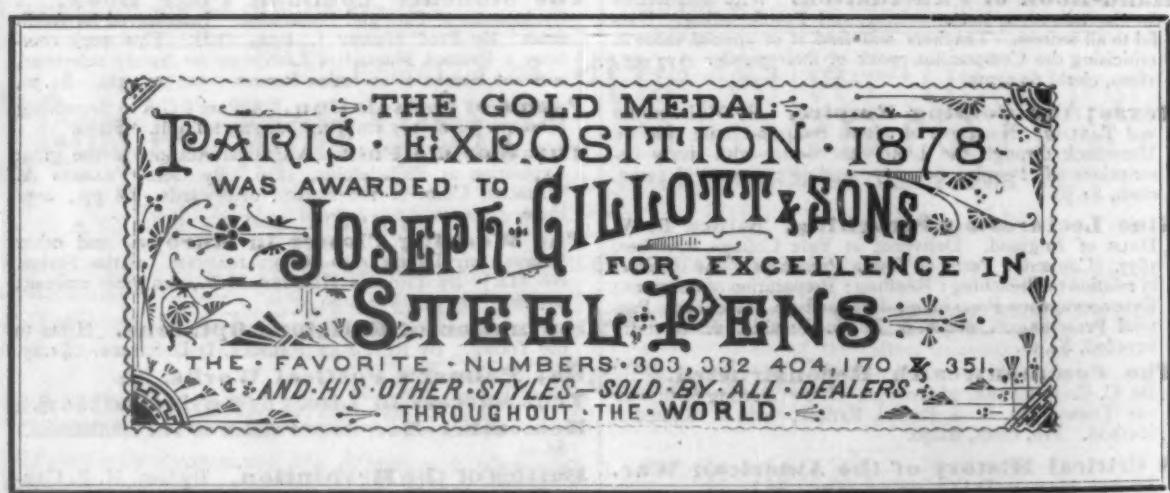
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